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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA032-2023/24)

On 23 November 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to te reo Māori at the Ministry. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

- 1. This is a request on behalf of Te Pāti Māori under the Official Information Act 1982 relating to all information on...any changes to policy on the use of te reo Māori in either internal or external communications since October 13 2023.*
- 2. Any advice received or prepared on the use of te reo Māori since October 13 2023.*

I can confirm the Ministry has had no changes in policy, communications, or advice regarding the use of te reo Māori within the requested period. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

- 3. Any internal communications (including emails, texts, messages and memos) relating to the use of te reo Māori since October 13 2023.*

I have interpreted the request to be in the context of all internal communications relating to the aforementioned response. There is no information in scope of your request, I must therefore refuse your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

In line with standard OIA practice, the Ministry proactively publishes some of its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter may be published on the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' website. Your personal details will be removed, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you or your organisation.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at:
oi_requests@mpp.govt.nz.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Ajmal', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ali Ajmal
Deputy Secretary,
Office of the Secretary